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BOATANCHORS Digest 3744

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by =?iso-8859-1?Q?Andr=E9_Guibert?= <aguibert@sympatico.ca>

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by "John K9UWA" <k9uwa@arrl.net>
19) Re: Large Soldering Irons
by "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>

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Subject: RE: GB> RE: Best Boatanchor investment?
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 11:25:02 -0500
From: "Merz Donald S" <merz.ds@mellon.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Whew...as anyone who knows me will have read before, my position is that =
boatanchors are a terrible investment. I don't think you should ever =
purchase any BA with "investment" thoughts in mind. Buy it to enjoy it =
and plan to give it away when the time comes--just like your current PC.

This is mostly because the demographics suck. The numbers are obvious =
and painful. Sometime in the next 25 years, 90% of all of us BA owners =
will retire or die. All our estates will hit the market (or the =
dumpster) as we move south or when our heirs take over. So the basic =
demographic problem is that a) we will all want to sell our BAs at =
roughly the same time and b) we won't be buying any new ones. Ergo, =
right at the time when all these great BAs are offered for sale, the =
number of buyers shrinks by 90%. You don't need a degree in economics to =
understand what will happen to prices under those supply and demand =
conditions.

The only thing keeping the hobby going today is that we all buy and sell =
from and to each other. When that time comes--as it must come--that a =
majority of us decide to buy less and sell more, the results will not be =
pretty.=20

Sadly, there is no answer here that I see. This may just be a case of =
life's ordinary progression applied to our hobby. Museums are not the =
answer. They already have all they want and then some. But since almost =
any outcome is preferable to this one, I'd be interested in seeing some =
analysis that disputes these conclusions.

73, Don Merz, N3RHT

-----Original Message-----

From: owner-glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu
[mailto:owner-glowbugs@piobaire.mines.uidaho.edu]On Behalf Of Bob
Roehrig
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2004 7:50 PM
To: Morris Odell; glowbugs
Cc: Old Tube Radios
Subject: GB> RE: Best boatanchor investment?

On Thu, 23 Dec 2004, Morris Odell wrote:

> Despite the fact that I tell my wife that she'll be a rich woman after
> I'm gone, I don't think most BAs are a great investment.
>
> Ultimately a boatanchor is only worth what someone is willing to pay =
for
> it and that decides whether it's a good "investment".
>
> As we die off, I fear a lot of the "investment" value will die with =
us.

Once again this has me thinking about what will happen to my "stuff" =
when
I become a silent key.

I am also a glass insulator collector. While that collection is well
documented, including the current book value of each piece, my =
electronic
stuff is not.

I just finished helping dispose of 2 separate ham estates. In one case =
the
son was a ham at one time and had a pretty good idea of what was worth
trying to sell and what was junk. In the other case the son said "just
take everything - I don't want any money". (there was a Henry 2K amp and =
a
modern Yaesu xcvr there).

My advice is to take some time to use a data base or spread sheet and
document what you have of value (with pictures if possible - especially =
in
these days of cheap digital cameras). Find someone who would be willing =
to
dispose of your gear and make this person known to your XYL (or =
whoever).

In my case, all the stuff on my 14 shelf units in my garage are mostly parts. The most valuable stuff there is maybe a LM freq meter and a = HEath

VFO. I told the XYL just to get a dumpster and junk all that stuff.

But in my shack I have a lot of H-P and Tektronix test gear as well as = the ham gear so I don't want to leave that stuff to chance.

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From: "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: Hallicrafters SR-150 meter

Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 09:53:46 -0700

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Meir,

Several times when I have had a defunct meter I have been able to find another generic meter from the same manufacturer that has the same internal movement as the meter I need to fix. I have just swapped out the working movement into the case of the defunct meter, changing the dial scale as well.

Jim, W8KGI

----- Original Message -----

From: "WF2U" <wf2u@starband.net>

To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2004 11:09 AM
Subject: Hallicrafters SR-150 meter

>
> Hello group,
>
> I recently acquired a Hallicrafters SR-150 transceiver, which I thought
> would be a project radio.
> To my surprise, the transceiver works fine, except the meter is dead.
> Further checking the meter, I discovered that it's open. Short of trying
> to
> have the meter repaired, another option is to try to find another meter.
>
> So here is the question: Does anyone on the lists have a spare meter for
> the
> SR-150 or a junker SR-150 (or an SR-160 for that matter) for sale?
>
> Thanks,
>
> 73, Meir WF2U
> Landrum, SC
>

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From: "JAMES HANLON" <knjhanlon@msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Best Boantanchor investment
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 10:06:17 -0700
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For me the best BA investment was the HRO-50 that my Dad bought for my brother and myself back in 1950. Thanks to that receiver, I became a radio ham, got my First Phone when I was a senior in high school and worked as a TV station engineer during the next three summers, earning the majority of my college money each year. I acquired three degrees in Electrical Engineering which made for an interesting and satisfying career and most recently a comfortable retirement. I've had a bundle of fun over the years operating that HRO. It is still front-and-center in my shack, despite competition from newer, "better" radios. That's the absolute best payoff of any BA I've ever acquired! Thanks, Dad!

Merry Christmas,

Jim, W8KGI

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Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 11:16:48 -0600
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Joe LeKostaj <jm_lekostaj@attglobal.net>
Subject: Wanted: high-Z headset
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii" ; format="flowed"

Hello. Could someone please tell me where (apart from the e-place) to find a high-Z headset, say 2kohm or more? I'm interested in building a simple tube receiver such as those in Electric Radio or the Hammarlund Shortwave Manual. The headset needn't be true "vintage"; even a later model Asian import would do.

Already tried Antique Electronic Supply and Ocean State Electronics to no avail.

Suppose I could use my 600 ohm headset from old "language lab" gear with a step-up transformer? At least that would keep B+ off the headset. Suggestions welcomed.

Tnx & 73,
Joe K9LY

From: "Rodger Singley" <rbsingl@ilstu.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Need 2 large jewel pilot lights
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 11:53:19 -0600
Message-ID: <000101c4e918\$4a05af70\$4646010a@D1JXNQ31>
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I am in need of two large jeweled pilot lamps to complete a project. The ones I need fit into a one inch panel opening, I have a fair amount of depth available so length is not too critical and I am not real choosy on color either! If you have one or two of these available, please contact me.

Thanks and 73,
Rodger WQ9E

Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 12:00:04 -0600 (CST)
From: Bob Roehrig <broehrig@aurora.edu>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors@theporch.com
Subject: Re: [BULK] Re: GB> RE: Best boatanchor investment? amd ethical behavior
Message-ID: <Pine.OSF.4.58.0412231157190.475562@mail.aurora.edu>
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On Wed, 22 Dec 2004 MillerKE6F@aol.com wrote:

> So how did you handle the son who said, In the other case the son said "just
> take everything - I don't want any money". (there was a Henry 2K amp and a
> modern Yaesu xcvr there). ?

He did end up taking the xcvr himself for SWL use. I gave the amp to a friend, since i already have a good amp. The other stuff was cheap Knight test gear, a monster Tek scope on a cart, and a lotta parts (which I took). My cohort will decide what to do with the test gear and whatever is left. We found local takers for the 2 towers, beams satellite dish, etc.

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From: "Bill Hawkins" <bill@iaxs.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: RE: Best boatanchor investment?
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 16:31:37 -0600
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Perhaps the best boatanchor investment is a boat.

This gives a boatanchor some value, even though it can no longer serve its original purpose with the airwaves filled with spread-spectrum digital noise. Surely that trend will overtake us before the last BA estate goes to the junkyard for lack of buyers.

Regards,
Bill Hawkins

Message-ID: <011901c4e940\$6ed02510\$49609a04@yourxb2x7j77gn>
From: "David Thompson" <thompson@mindspring.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Best boatanchor investment?
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:40:40 -0500
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Unfortunately many of the best values are not anywhere near the best gear.

The Hammarlund PRO 310 is an excellent example. Frank Lester found the receiver to be very lacking in 1955 and made some last minute changes to at least bring it to partial specs. As it stands it is nowhere near the receiver of the 75A, HRO 60, or Super Pro 600. The Sx 88 is good but not with the difference over the SX 100, SX 96, or S-76 which share the same basic design.

A friend of mine built his own version of the Colluins KW-1 as he said they scrimped on components. He used a pair of 4-400A's in the final with Jennings Vacuum Variables and a pair of 4-250's as modulator. He used a much bigger modulation transformer and he used a big power supply with a pole pig and 872A's as rectifiers. He rebuilt a 310B exciter making it fully TVI proofed and band switched with a pi-net so he could run it alone as an exciter.

In my case, I have a MicaMold XR-1 that uses a 6L6 for 30 watts on CW. This 1948 version of the Heath AT-1 is worth no telling how much. I have been offered numerous trades and up to \$500 for a \$35 unit which may be the cream of the crop of commercial 6L6 rigs.

73 Dave K4JRB

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Elmac A54 advice needed
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Y'all,

I'm in the process of acquiring my third Elmac, an A54. I downloaded the available info from BAMA, so I have a schematic, a diagram showing the physical location of parts above the chassis, and a list of tune-up instructions. (That list says to load the final to 300 ma cathode current, something I am sure is wrong!)

The schematic for the PSA-500 ac Power Supply says the supply will deliver about 380 vdc at full load on phone and about 400 volts on cw. A note says that the circuit can be changed to capacitor input for about 475 volts, but that this should never be done for cw operation.

Does anyone here have experience with the A54 or better, one on the air? What is the maximum power supply voltage that can be used with this rig? (I'm running 600+ volts to my AF-67 and AF-68.) What's the problem with higher B+ while running cw?

Thanks,

Jim, W8KGI

Message-ID: <BAY5-DAV1361D44753E422F1C43C40E4A50@phx.gbl>
From: "Hue Miller" <kargo_cult@msn.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Hallicrafters FPM-300 Mk II
Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 14:51:03 -0800
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----- Original Message -----

From: "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>

I've been intrigued by, and interested, in the Hallicrafters FPM-300 and FPM-300 Mk II transceiver.

Are there any owners on the list that can tell me about the radio. How well does (did) it work?

Is it a quality built radio, or a prototype quality, or piece of junk? What were the differences

between the 300 and the 300 MK II?

Why wouldn't a radio like that be popular in a facedown with the Yaseu FT-101? Or

should I ask why
wasn't it popular? Was it a money thing, a quality thing, or a bad timing thing?
At least on the
surface, it looks like Hallicrafters made a transition to a solid state
transceiver with tube driver
and final, like Yaseu and Kenwood. What happened?

Is anyone using it as a daily driver? What sort of accessories were offered with
it? Any 300's or
300 MK II's for sale?

-Around 1980 i bought one by mail (from those famous "Ham Trader Yellow Sheets")
because i liked the looks and thought it would be a fun radio for my Novice
License
use. When i received it, i quickly realized the CW feature was only good, for
example,
for sending SOS if you were in distress, it was NO GOOD AT ALL for 2-way CW
QSOs. This is because the design requires you to tune for either 1.2 or 2.2 khz
beat
note. Darn it, i cannot recall all the details now, and manual not handy, but i
think cw
is generated by a 2 kHz or so audio tone generator. But maybe you can begin to
understand how unwieldy, how uncomfortable this is, if you have to tune for a 2
kHz
beatnote to the other station, and how you will be off-frequency if you don't.
What
nonsense!! The ARRL's tech lab told me the high beat note was to eliminate
possibility
of keying the transmitter at harmonics of a lower audio tone, if a lower tone is
used.
Maybe a smarter way to do this would be to unbalance the balanced mixer, but then
you're still stuck with the problem of the filter not responding exactly to the
carrier
frequency anyway, but starting maybe 300 Hz away. So that's still a problem.

So if you buy one, you can forget using CW on it. If you do contemplate CW, you
will do a lot of head-scratching to come up with a solution, and i wager, finally
come to the conclusion that a redesign of the radio is not practical.

Besides this, if you set the two radios side by side, the Hallicrafters product is
clearly
the poor sister of the 2. It just looks more simply built - and really is- and has
LESS
features - no noise limiter, no provision for any extra bands, no adding of
filters - if
i remember right. It's almost like comparing a fishing-boat radio (utilitarian,
simple, no
optional features) (the FPM) to a ham radio (luxury features, overbuilt).

(the FT-101).

I am sure it would however be a kinda fun radio on SSB, if you don't need the frills.

I sold mine before i developed Ebay-consciousness so i sold it for a low price. I still

have one to peddle but it has stability problems and i cannot find the power cord, which has kept me from putting it up quite yet.

I maybe am slightly, but only slightly, exaggerating here, but i call the FT-101 "The radio

that killed Hallicrafters". Maybe there was more than that - but if you had two radios,

one made here and one an import, and the latter clearly looked more sophisticated and clearly offered MORE and BETTER features, and they were quite close in price, which would you give your money? Ah so, sayonora, Hallicrafters, so sad! - Hue Miller

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Date: Thu, 23 Dec 2004 17:20:36 -0600

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: Ben Hall <kd5byb@bellsouth.net>

Subject: RE: Best boatanchor investment?

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At 04:20 PM 12/22/2004, Morris Odell wrote:

>As we die off, I fear a lot of the "investment" value will die with us.

Actually, I'm cautiously optimistic. As some of y'all know, I'm one of the younger folks here at 31. At the Huntsville Hamfest back a few months ago, I noticed that there was a fair amount of *younger* buyers looking at BoatAnchor-type gear. Prices reflected this and I saw many BA radios sell for more than I would have paid even if I had the money. ;)

My Grandpa, who is a Model A Ford enthusiast (or flake as my Grandma say) has noted the same thing in the antique car business. They figured that once their generation died off, Model A Ford prices would plummet. In actuality, they've done nothing but increase as younger people with money enter the market. People who never were around when the Model A Ford was new in the 30's. People who were looking for something cool, not for something they had or desired in their earlier years.

I'm hoping that the same thing happens in the old radio market. I think it will, too.

thanks and 73,

ben

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Buzz;

> NO! This is a real boat anchor.
> <http://www.softcom.net/users/buzz/yale/forklift.html>
> It was so ugly that I couldn't say no.

It may not meet OSHA standards but as long as it will move your boatanchors
you're good to go 'til 100.

Merry Xmas everyone!

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

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> but mumetal does have a moderately good conductivity -

Talk about price!

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

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> Besides, if Heath still produced the AT-1 today, many of the embedded costs
> would likely not have increased at the rate of inflation. Some components
> may actually be cheaper now, cold type would make producing and printing
> manuals far more efficient, and Heath just might outsource some of its
> lauded tech support to the Third World.

Yes, I can see the websites springing up in my mind's CRT: Boutique ham radio - "Build your own amateur radio transmitter and send text messages and your family photo album around the world. No ISP required. Rusty 6L6 not supplied"

: -)

Arden Allen
KB6NAX

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>majority of us decide to buy less and sell more, the results will not be
>pretty.
>

> I'd be interested in seeing some analysis that disputes these conclusions.

As I wipe a tear from my eye, (Sob!) I think the only possibility is the occasional young member of our society who likes "reenacting." There are many young folks that like this theme (not the majority, but are WE the majority?) and I see this type of individual glorying in "period" things, even radios.... and many of these folks will get a license, just to be able to use and demonstrate them... maybe even in period costume..... Can't you see it now? A twenty something dressed in V-neck sweater, with Elvis Presley duck-tail haircut, white Buck shoes..... sitting in front of a Hallicrafters SX-99 and a Heath DX-100..... Some dream, huh?

I hope you let Santa in tomorrow night, Don, and not the Grinch! :-)

(I still say you have the nicest BA stuff.... ya just need to enlarge your basement!) :-)

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From: WA5CAB@cs.com
Message-ID: <12e.53e9b6be.2efd1451@cs.com>
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
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Groups,

I have a large (about 3/4" dia. tip) 120 watt soldering iron made by Stanley.

I found it unused in the original box some years ago at a flea market. I originally got it to use on the occasional antenna or other heavy project but recently have used it to open up military grade canned capacitors for rebuilding. I'd like to make some custom fit flat tips to speed up this process but the pyramid tip on this one isn't removable (it may have been before I started using it) and the only way I can see to attach them to the iron would be to cut the existing tip off flat, which I'm not going to do to my only large iron.

I took a look at the Stanley Tools site but several search attempts didn't turn up anything related to solder. So I assume they no longer make soldering irons. Does anyone know of anyone who still makes irons that are not only rated above say 100 watts but that have tips with a diameter of 1/2" or larger?

73

Robert Downs - Houston

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From: =?iso-8859-1?Q?Andr=E9_Guibert?= <aguibert@sympatico.ca>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Fw: Best boatanchor investment?

Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 06:22:28 -0500

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Buzz

He must be using to lift his boatanchors on his bench.

Andre

----- Original Message -----

From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>

To: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Cc: "Old Tube Radios" <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Sent: Thursday, December 23, 2004 10:38 PM

Subject: Re: Best boatanchor investment?

> Buzz;
>
> > NO! This is a real boat anchor.
> > <http://www.softcom.net/users/buzz/yale/forklift.html>
> > It was so ugly that I couldn't say no.
>
> It may not meet OSHA standards but as long as it will move your
boatanchors
> you're good to go 'til 100.
>
> Merry Xmas everyone!
>
> Arden Allen
> KB6NAX
>
>

From: "John K9UWA" <k9uwa@arrl.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 08:01:31 -0500
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> Actually, I'm cautiously optimistic. As some of y'all know, I'm one of the
> ben
>

Again in a slightly different area... Wooden Radios I am seeing two things
happen. First I see a younger person that buys one of our old radios. Then
I am seeing later that same younger person buying more of them.. upon
which point we begin teaching them how to do their own restoration
work..

Now if we could just get our State Associations to understand the
terminology "Weekend" as in Saturday/Sunday for the old radio meets.
Rather than Tues,Wed,Thurs,Friday start times for these old meets!

We might get more young people with JOBS and MONEY to attend
these functions.
AWA members better pay attention here!.. Rochester is DYING because
it serves nothing but us old retired farts.

John k9uwa
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From: "Arden Allen" <gumbear@pacbell.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Large Soldering Irons
Date: Fri, 24 Dec 2004 06:00:56 -0800
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> Does anyone know of anyone who still makes irons that are not only
> rated above say 100 watts but that have tips with a diameter of 1/2" or
larger? ...

Bob; I had a 200 watt American Beauty iron that I went through the same
trials with and finally junked it in favor of my Weller 325 watt solder gun.
It's not so much the size of the tip when unsoldering/soldering cans as it
is the amount of power available that does the job. Because the can absorbs
so much heat the more power you can put into the can the sooner you will get
enough melt going to get the can opened/desoldered/soldered. Big fat tips
just waste heat because of the larger mass that must be heated and the
larger radiating surface area that cools the clunker. 100 watts is only
enough for small cans about 2 or 3 cu. in. or so. Junk the Stanley.

But if you REALLY want the Stanley to do the job, drill out ALL of the
original tip and fabricate tight fitting tips that have the greatest amount
of intimacy with the heating element and the least amount of surface in the
air.

Arden Allen
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